

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: )  
Shue et al . ) Before the Examiner  
Serial No. 10/667,588 ) Matthew F. DeSanto  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Commissioner:

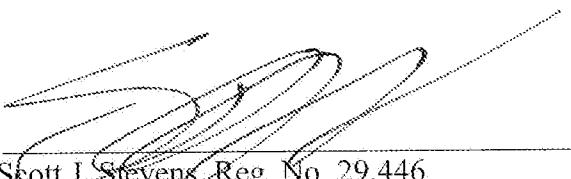
In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 20, 2007, please enter the following remarks. If any fees are deemed to be necessary, please charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include payment of issue fees.

Applicants hereby acknowledge that pending claims 1-14 of the above-referenced application have now been allowed. Applicants also acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.109, Applicants hereby make of record the following comments to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and agree that the prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious the claims allowed in the present application. However, Applicants do not intend for the allowed claims to be limited in any way according to the statements provided in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance and Applicants object to the Examiner's Reasons to the extent that they suggest a claim scope narrower or

different than that offered by the claim language itself. The scope of the allowed claims is to be determined by the language of the claims. Each claim is allowable because each claim recites a combination of elements not disclosed or suggested by any reference or combination of references. The invention resides in the combination of elements as variously recited in the claims, and not in the presence of any one or a few particular elements or limitations. Further, it is understood that each claim stands on its own merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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